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1. IN LIGHT REFTEL C WE HAVE AGAIN REVIEWED SAG ARTICLE
XXVIII PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT OF REMOVAL DUTY FREE BINDING
ON EX 84.15.90, EVAPORATORS AND CONDENSERS FOR REFRIGERA-
TORS, AND ARE STILL FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT SAG OFFER REMOVE
3 PERCENT TARIFF ON ITEM 84.34.30 WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENTLY
TRADE CREATIVE TO MAKE UP LIKELY LOSS OF MOST, IF NOT ALL,
U.S. TRADE AS RESULT OF ACTION ON 84.15.90. ACCORDINGLY,
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AND IN INTEREST OF REACHING PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF THIS

NEGOTIATION, YOU SHOULD REITERATE TO SAG MISSION THAT SAG GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO OUR REQUEST FOR REDUCTION FROM 15 PERCENT TO 7 1/2 PERCENT ON ITEM 84.21.10, WATER SPRINKLERS AND SPRAYERS, OR ALTERNATE OFFER OF COMPARABLE VALUE.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, AND AS POSTSCRIPT TO RECENT CORRESPONDENCE (REFS A AND B), SAG OFFICIALS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IN U.S. VIEW PRINCIPAL QUESTION IN EACH CASE IS WHETHER COMPENSATORY OFFER IS ABLE GENERATE SUFFICIENT

ADDITIONAL TRADE TO FULLY OFFSET ANTICIPATED TRADE LOSS STEMMING FROM WITHDRAWAL. FURTHER, GENERATIVE CAPACITY OF ANY PARTICULAR ITEM IS FUNCTION OF BOTH TRADE COVERAGE AND DUTY CUT, AND OUR SELECTION REFLECTS A TRADEOFF AMONG THESE FACTORS. IN CURRENT CASE, WE UNDERSTAND COSMETIC PROBLEM POSED BY REQUEST ON ITEM WHOSE PRESENT TRADE IS MUCH GREATER THAN TRADE OF WITHDRAWAL ITEM. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE FIND ALTERNATE ITEM WHERE TRADE LEVELS ARE MORE COMPARABLE WHICH, IN ORDER PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TRADE GENERATION, WOULD NOT NECESSITATE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN DUTY WHICH SAG MIGHT FIND EQUALLY DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT. KISSINGER

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